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PRESIDENT: All right. Could I have your attention, then. The question is, shall LB 724 be unbracketed. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is unbracketed. Do you want to take action on that now, Senator?

We will stand at ease now. The Speaker has a message to all of us. He will address the Chamber from the Clerk's desk. May I have your attention, please. The Honorable Jules Burbach, Speaker.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and all former members and your spouses, we are very delighted to have you in this Chamber again. I think this is a first. We're very happy that so many of you could respond and be with us this afternoon. Feel free to stay as long as you desire. I do know that you have some further functions over in the First National Bank on the twentieth floor. This body will join you about five o'clock and we will be with you from five to six or to six-thirty, and as I understand it, then you will have your dinner among your own group this evening. It's very nice and very flattering to this group that you are here to observe us in our deliberations as you did those years ago. We would be only hopeful of one thing and that is that we are filling your places in history properly, hoping that we are carrying on the tradition of you ladies and gentlemen who were here over the many years ago. We have some of the members who were here in 1933 that I know of, and there may be some of an earlier date than that. To my knowledge, the oldest, in the earliest days of service was from 1933 to 1939 was the Honorable Former Speaker of the Legislature, Mr. Bill Diers. Would you please stand and be recognized. Now, as always, I must ask a question. Is there anyone older than Mr. Diers that served prior to 1933, or even from 1933? Yes. John Comstock of here in Lincoln had his first year in 1931. He does want us to know that he isn't quite as old as Bill Diers, however. Now, then, is there anyone else who has been here prior to 1931 or from 1931? Seeing none, I have been asked to introduce these former Senators, and after I have introduced these former Senators, I would ask the present membership to indicate by your light as you case a vote up here to the Chair, your white light, to indicate. Then the Chair will call on you and you introduce those people from your District, or those who have asked you to recognize them. On my list from the years of 1961 to 1967 is Dr. Marvin Stromer, Senator from 1961 to 1967. He now lives in Milton, Wisconsin. Marv, would you please stand and be recognized. Martin Mischke, formerly of Crofton and now of Kearney, 1939 to 1945. Fred Waggoner of here in Lincoln. Fred and I entered the Legislature in the same year in 1957. Fred would you please stand and be recognized. Herb Nore of Genoa, 1965 to 1974. Gerald Stromer, former Senator from Kearney, 1971 to 1975. Senator Bill Wylie of Elgin, 1965 to 1969.